

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-73 remain pending herein.

Claims 13-15 were objected to for the reasons set forth in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the November 12, 2003 Office Action. In response, claims 13-15 have been amended to eliminate the informalities referred to in the Office Action. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,258,217 (MacArthur '217).

The November 12, 2003 Office Action contains a statement that in the embodiment shown in Figs. 9-11 of MacArthur '217, arms 10, 11 have radially extending slots 10a, 11a, which allow the cores to move radially inwardly after retraction of the pins 21, 21a to engage the winding drum 3.

The embodiment shown in Figs. 9-11 corresponds respectively to Figs. 1, 3 and 4 and embodies modifications described in the paragraph extending from lines 52-71 of column 5 of MacArthur '217.

MacArthur '217 discloses that a new mandrel 18 is prepared with adhesive coated cores and is placed in the seats 10a and 11a of quadrants 10 and 11 with mandrel bearings 19 and 20 resting on pins 21 and 21a (MacArthur '217, column 4, lines 51-55).

The seats 10a and 11a are indented portions of the quadrants 10 and 11, respectively, in which the cores 84 rest when moving from the position shown in Fig. 9 to the position shown in Fig. 10. The seats 10a and 11a do not extend radially with respect to the axis about which the quadrants 10 and 11 rotate.

Mandrel bearings 19 and 20 rest on pins 21 and 21a to support the mandrel 18. As the quadrants 10 and 11 rotate (clockwise from Fig. 9 to Fig. 11), cams 26 and 27 (a cam 26 is depicted in Fig. 1) allow the pins 21 and 21a to lower in order to lower the cores 84 onto the winding drum 3 (MacArthur '217, column 4, lines 9-15 and 27-33).

Claim 13 recites a winder comprising a frame, a main winding drum and a pair of arms mounted on the frame for rotation about an axis in common with the axis of the main winding drum. Claim 13 recites that the arms are provided with generally radially extending slots through which the ends of the core shaft extend when a core is received in the slot. Claim 13 further

recites that the slots define walls that resist lateral movements of the core shaft ends while permitting rotation of the core shaft on the arms and movement of the core shaft radially of the drum along the slots.

MacArthur '217 does not disclose or suggest a device which includes arms provided with radially extending slots which define walls that resist lateral movements of core shaft ends while permitting movement of the core shaft radially of the drum along the slots. The seats 10a and 11a of MacArthur '217 do not define walls that resist lateral movements of the core shaft ends, because the seats 10a and 11a do not include a wall which prevents the core shaft from moving laterally to the right from the perspective shown in Fig. 9.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

The Applicants appreciate the indication in the November 12, 2003 Office Action that claims 1-12 and 19-73 are allowed.

Claims 14-18 were objected to for their dependency from claim 13. In view of the allowability of claim 13 as detailed above, it is requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reconsider and withdraw this objection.

In view of the above, claims 2-73 are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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